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Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above application, please make the following amendments to the application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claims 1 through 26, and add the following claims 27 through 82:

✓--27. A method of determining infection in a human patient by, or exposure of a human patient to, a mycobacterium which expresses ESAT-6 which method comprises the steps of: